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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

## Waiver of Service of Summons

Aaron B. Maduff

TO: _	O: Aaron B. Maduff				
	(NAMI	OF PLAINTIFF'S AT	TORNEY OR L	INREPRESENTED PLAINT	TFF)
I,	Geoffrey Shepstone	NDANT NAME)		, acknow	ledge receipt of your request
that I	waive service of summons in	n the action of	Childress		n Brokerage, Inc., et al
		00 00	20	(CAPTION OF	·
which	is case number	08 cv 32		in the l	Jnited States District Court
for the	Northern District of Illinoi	-	мвек)		
	have also received a copy o ich I can return the signed w				his instrument, and a means
by not	agree to save the cost of ser requiring that I (or the enti r provided by Rule 4.	vice of a summ ty on whose be	ons and an chalf I am	additional copy of acting) be served	the complaint in this lawsuit with judicial process in the
jurisdi	(or the entity on whose behal ction or venue of the court e summons.	f I am acting) w xcept for object	vill retain a	ll defenses or objection a defect in the	tions to the lawsuit or to the summons or in the service
I	understand that a judgment i	may be entered	against me	e (or the party on v	vhose behalf I am acting) if
an ans	wer or motion under Rule 12	2 is not served ı	роп уоп у	vithin 60 days after	07/03/08 (DATE REQUEST WAS SENT)
or witl	nin 90 days after that date if	the request wa	s sent outs	ide the United Sta	-
,	7/16/08		211		
	(DATE)			(SIGNATURE)	
	Printed/Typed Name:	<u> </u>	Aley	S. Fowler	
As _	atternay	fer	G	eoffrey Sh	epstone
	(TITLE)			(CORPORATE D	EFENDANT)

## **Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.